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Dear Madam/Sir,

While I do believe that Microsoft often abuses it's position as industry leader in software operating systems to reduce competition, I am not convinced that a harsh penalty is in the best interest of justice or the software industry. Certainly, all of the companies that are urging harsh penalties are or have been, to some extent, guilty of similar practices. Remember that this ruling will set an important precedent which will shape the future of the software industry.

I ask only that you deliver a judgement that causes Microsft some financial pain while at the same time clearly putting this whole thing behind us so that the software industry and the economy can recover.

Regards,  
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